

Memorandum



Date: March 19, 2009

To: Marc C. LaFerrier, AICP, Director
Department of Planning and Zoning

From: Jose Gonzalez, P.E., Assistant Director
Environmental Resources Management

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Subject: C-14 #Z2008000112-1st Revision
Gerardo Diaz
29625 S.W. 177 Avenue
Unusual Use to Permit a Daycare
(EU-1) (2.46 Acres)
07-57-39

The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) has reviewed the subject application and has determined that it meets the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the Code). Accordingly, DERM may approve the application, and the same may be scheduled for public hearing.

Potable Water Service

The subject property is located within the franchised water service area of the City of Homestead. Public water can be made available to the subject property. Therefore, connection of the proposed development to the public water supply system shall be required in accordance with Code requirements.

Existing public water facilities and services meet the Level of Service (LOS) standards set forth in the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Furthermore, the proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Wastewater Disposal

Public sanitary sewers cannot be made available to this site. Therefore, DERM would not object to the interim use of a septic tank and drainfield system as a means for the disposal of domestic liquid waste, provided that the proposed development meets the sewage loading requirements of Section 24-13(4) of the Code. Based upon the available information the proposal meets the said requirements; furthermore, since the request is for a non-residential land use, the property owner has submitted a properly executed covenant running with the land in favor of Miami-Dade County as required by Section 24-13(4)(a) of the Code.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicant is advised that any activity that may generate liquid waste other than domestic sewage, including but not limited to, medical or dental offices, shall not be permitted on this property, unless and until is connected to the public sanitary sewer system.

Tree Preservation

The subject property contains specimen-sized (trunk diameter 18 inches or greater) trees. Section 24-49.2(II) of Chapter 24, the Code of Miami-Dade County requires that specimen trees be preserved whenever reasonably possible. The landscape plan submitted with this application entitled "Little Eagles Learning Center", prepared by Edgar Muñoz P.E., sheet 4/7 dated November 18, 2008 (revised February 5, 2009) and Sheet 5/7 dated November 19, 2008 (revised January 31, 2009) depicts all tree resources on site including specimen-size trees. According to the landscape plans these tree resources will not be impacted by the proposed parking area and playground. A Miami-Dade County Tree Removal Permit is required prior to the removal or relocation of any tree that is subject to the Tree Preservation and Protection provisions of Chapter 24. Said Tree Removal Permit shall meet the requirements of Sections 24-49.2 and 24-49.4 of the Code.

The applicant is required to comply with the above tree permitting requirements. DERM's approval of the subject application is contingent upon inclusion of said tree permitting requirements in the resolution approving this application.

The applicant is advised to contact DERM staff for additional information regarding tree permitting procedures and requirements prior to site development.

Stormwater Management

Site grading and development shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 11C of the Code.

Any proposed development shall comply with County and Federal flood criteria requirements. The proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards for flood protection set forth in the CDMP, subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Operating Permits

Section 24-18 of the Code authorizes DERM to require operating permits from facilities that could be a source of pollution. The applicant is advised that the requested use of the subject property may require operating permits from DERM. The Permitting Section of DERM's Pollution Regulation and Enforcement Division may be contacted at (305) 372-6600 for further information concerning operating requirements.

Pollution Remediation

The subject property is located within a designated brownfield area. The applicant is advised that there are economic incentives available for development within this area. For further information concerning these incentives, contact the Pollution Remediation Section of DERM at 305-372-6700.

Wetlands

The subject property does not contain jurisdictional wetlands, as defined by Section 24-5 of the Code; therefore, a Class IV Wetland Permit will not be required.

The applicant is advised that permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (305-526-7181), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (561-681-6600), and the South Florida Water Management District (1-800-432-2045), may be required for the proposed project. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact these agencies.

Enforcement History

DERM has found no open or closed enforcement record for the subject property.

Concurrency Review Summary

DERM has conducted a concurrency review for this application and has determined that the same meets all applicable LOS standards for an initial development order, as specified in the adopted CDMP for potable water supply, wastewater disposal, and flood protection. Therefore, the application has been approved for concurrency subject to the comments and conditions contained herein.

This concurrency approval does not constitute a final concurrency statement and is valid only for this initial development order, as provided for in the adopted methodology for concurrency review. Additionally, this approval does not constitute any assurance that the LOS standards would be met by any subsequent development order applications concerning the subject property.

This memorandum shall constitute DERM's written approval, as required by the Code.

If you have any questions concerning the comments, or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Enrique A. Cuellar at (305) 372-6764.